

# Kaiser Will Not Spare U. S. Vessels, Declares Dernburg

Germany's Submarines to Sink Ships Without Warning, Asserts Emperor's Envoy.

AMERICANS WILL BE SAFE

Must Travel on Neutral Craft, Free of Contraband, Though, He Says.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, the Kaiser's personal representative in this country, announces that German submarines will continue to sink merchant vessels without warning.

After returning from Cleveland, where he attempted to justify the sinking of the Lusitania, Dernburg gave out an interview in the Hotel Ritz-Carlton, saying that it will be impossible to give women, children and other non-combatants a chance to escape before the ships are torpedoed.

The warnings inserted by the German embassy in the shipping columns of newspapers, he said, will be considered the equivalent of a signal to the captain of every merchant vessel belonging to Great Britain or her allies that his ship is to be sunk.

Americans will be safe, stated the Kaiser's mouthpiece, only if they confine their travel to American vessels carrying no contraband. Ships of this country carrying contraband, he said, will be torpedoed exactly as those of England, with the exception that an attempt will be made to give a warning in time for the crew and passengers to escape.

Defends Use of Submarines.

"Submarines," said Dernburg, "are recognized by every nation as a weapon of warfare. England is building them in her own yards as well as at Fore River. Your country has them."

"Similarly, a country's rights in warfare over merchant ships carrying contraband are well recognized. For hundreds of years it has been the usage of war that vessels carrying contraband could be stopped, searched, seized and destroyed if they could not be taken back to port."

"The only question is the safety of the non-combatants aboard. It has been the custom to let the innocent people get off. But England has declared the modern weapons—the airplane and submarine—do not permit of the old rules of warfare, and she has established a 'long-distance' blockade."

"Now, a submarine is a very small vessel, only about 150 feet long, and with a crew of only about twenty-four. It has small accommodations on board for refugees. Also, she is a very frail vessel. If she attempted to warn a merchant ship before sinking her, it would be easy for the merchantman to run her down. Or she could put on full speed and escape. Don't you suppose the Lusitania would have escaped in that way if she had been warned?"

Impossible To Give Warning.

"So, you see, it is a physical impossibility for a submarine to give a warning to a merchant ship before sinking her."

"Instead of giving a special warning to the Lusitania, Germany therefore issued a specific general notice before she sailed. That was the only thing that could be done. Care was taken to see that the warnings appeared alongside the advertisements of the Cunard line."

"How can Americans be safe? By traveling only on American ships flying the American flag and not carrying contraband of war. Then they will be perfectly safe."

"Of course, there is the danger of the employment of the American flag by belligerent vessels. But I think that has been stopped by President Wilson's protest. Also, there are any number of neutral ships, all of which will be safe, on the condition they do not carry contraband of war."

While it would be "beyond task" for him to mix in the relations with the American Government, Dernburg said, he suggested that every ship be required to announce what cargo she will carry before she sails for the war zone, and that this announcement be published.

Legal To Commit Suicide.

"Then," he said, "every one would know what risks they took or avoided. Of course, after that, if they wanted to risk their lives, as every one undoubtedly has a right to, there would be no right to prevent them. Every one has a right to commit suicide."

"But if it had been known and published that the Lusitania was an auxiliary cruiser, carrying a large amount of contraband of war, I do not believe one American would have taken passage."

Dernburg said he wished to "express regret" over the sinking of the Lusitania.

"But," he added, "she was carrying more than 5,000 cases of war material. Had they been delivered, I am sure they would have resulted in the destruction of many more mothers' sons than were destroyed."

"President Wilson asked if Germany would stop the submarine warfare if England would permit food to enter Germany. But England would not agree to this. She was determined to starve out the entire population of 120,000,000 in Germany and Austria."

Suffragists to Elect Officers on Wednesday

Suffragists of the District will "get the vote" this week.

They will be entitled to cast their ballots for officers Wednesday afternoon at Rauscher's, where the annual meeting of the Congressional Union will be held.

A chairman, vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the District branch will be elected. In the evening the suffragists and supporters to the cause will dine in Rauscher's at the first annual banquet of the Washington Union.

The principal speakers will be Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles, retired, Frank P. Walsh, and Major Raymond W. Fulton.

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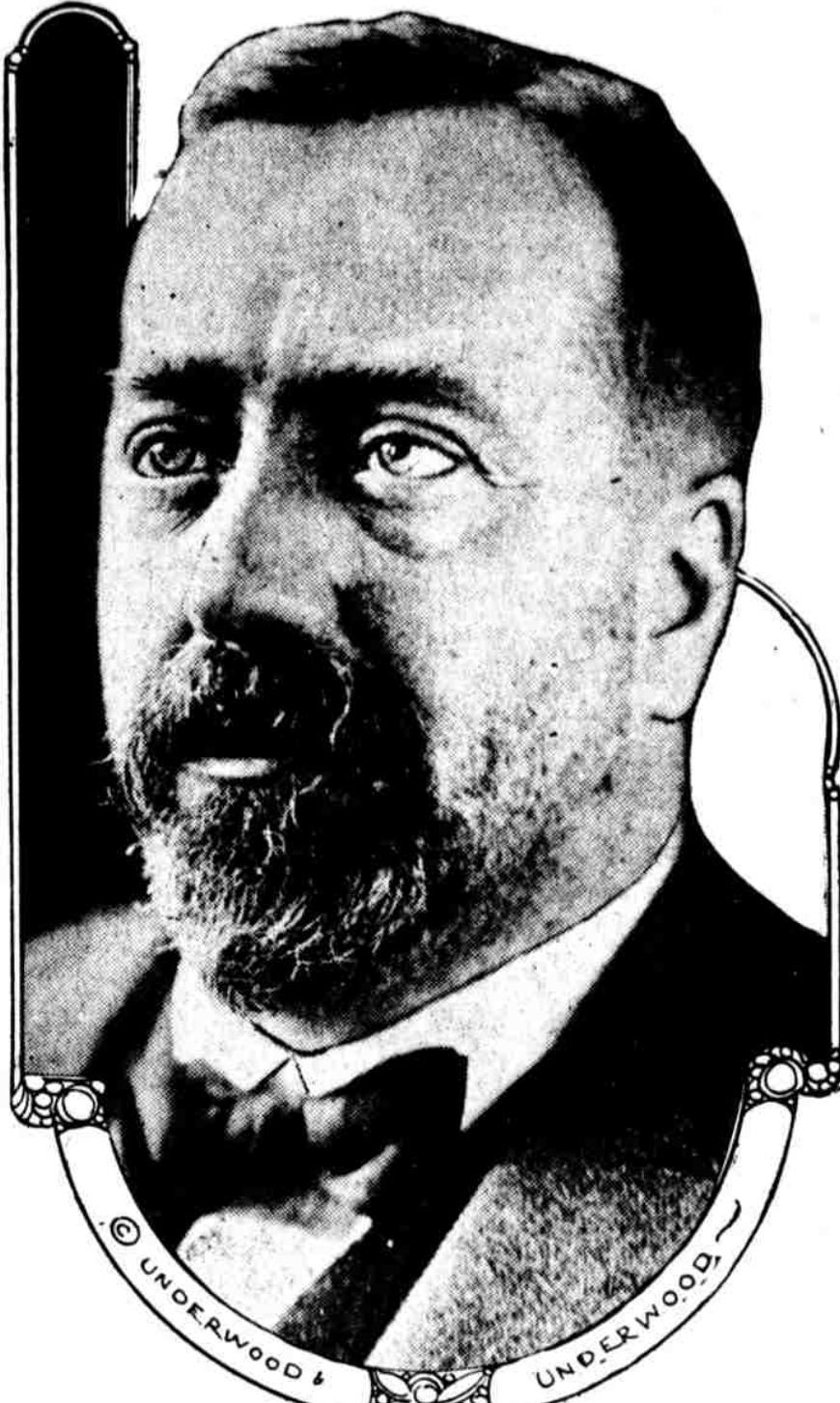
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## RED CROSS TO AID FAMILIES OF VICTIMS

Following Plan Adopted at Time of Titanic Disaster, Issues Public Appeal.

Carrying out the same plan adopted at the time of the Titanic disaster, when \$25,000 was raised for the relief of dependent families of the victims, the American Red Cross has made an appeal for funds to care for destitute survivors of the Lusitania.

Miss Mabel T. Boardman, chairman of the Red Cross relief board, today said that at present no direct appropriation of Red Cross funds will be made for the Lusitania relief work.

"The war relief fund is low at present, and Red Cross officials question whether it should be diverted to this purpose. If immediate need is shown, Miss Boardman said, however, a small appropriation may be made from the contingent fund."

In appealing for funds for this work, Miss Boardman announced that subscriptions may be made either to local treasurers of the Red Cross or sent direct to headquarters here.

The first contribution was received today. The Needle Work Guild, now in conference in Philadelphia, voted \$5,000 for Red Cross relief work abroad, \$1,000 of which is to be devoted to aiding the families of victims of the Lusitania disaster. \$100 to relief work in Poland, and \$1,000 for similar work in Serbia.

Rae Tanzer Witness Given Nine Months

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## 150 BABIES PERISHED AS LUSITANIA SANK

Heart-Rending Scenes When Infants Died in Mothers' Arms in Rescue Boats.

LONDON, May 10.—The Illustrated Sunday Herald of Cork says there were on the Lusitania fifty babies who were less than twelve months old and more than one hundred others whose ages did not reach two years. They all have been drowned.

The babies were the talk of the ship and everybody tried to look after them when the time came. There are numerous cases recorded where both passengers and crew stripped themselves of their own lifebelts to put around the little ones, but it was useless, and about 150 of the infants, it is calculated, died from shock and exposure. They were afterward seen floating in the water with lifebelts tied around their little bodies, but they were past saving.

Their mothers recovered consciousness in the rescue boats only to find that the little ones they were hugging to their bosoms were dead. One mother lost all her three young children, one six years, one four, and the third a babe in arms, six months old. She herself lived. She held up the three of them in the water, all the time shrieking for help. When rescued by a boat party the two elder children were dead. Their room was required on the boat and the mother was brave enough to realize it.

"Give them to me," she shrieked. "Give them to me, my bonnie wee things. I will bury them. They are mine to bury as they were mine to keep."

With her hair streaming down her back, and her form shaking with sorrow she took hold of each little one from the rescuers and reverently placed it in the water again, and people in the boat wept with her as she murmured a little sobbing prayer to the Great God above. But her cup of sorrow was not yet full, for just as the rescuers were landing her third and only remaining child died in her arms.

Frohman Went to Death With Smile

"Why Fear Death? It Is Most Beautiful Adventure In Life," He Said.

LONDON, May 10.—Charles Frohman went to his death on the Lusitania smiling and unafraid, according to Miss Rita Jolivet, an actress, who was talking with him just before the ship went down.

"Why fear death? It is the most beautiful adventure in life," were Frohman's last words to Miss Jolivet. They were standing on the deck, she said, and a few minutes later, the ship keeled over and sank. Frohman was never seen alive again.

Italy Profoundly Moved By Sinking of Lusitania

ROME (via Paris), May 10.—The sinking of the Lusitania has caused a profound impression in Italy. There were several Italians among the passengers. The feeling in Rome may be described as one of indignation at this killing of neutrals, and measures to end such proceedings are being urged.

## ROOSEVELT URGES "INSTANT ACTION"

Declares Self-Respect Requires America Abide by Her Warning to Germany.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 10.—Theodore Roosevelt has given out the following statement:

"On the night of the day that the disaster occurred, I called the attention of our people to the fact that the sinking of the Lusitania was not only an act of simple piracy, but that it represented piracy accompanied by murder on a vast scale than any old-time pirate had ever practiced before being hung for his misdeeds."

For National Self-Respect.

"I called attention to the fact that this was merely the application on the high seas, and at our expense, of the principles which, when applied on land, had produced the innumerable hideous tragedies that have occurred in Belgium and in northern France."

"I said that not only our duty to humanity at large, but our duty to preserve our own national self-respect, demanded instant action on our part, and forbade all delay. I can do little more than reiterate what I then said. When the German decree established the war zone, and of course plainly threatened exactly the type of tragedy which has occurred, our Government notified Germany that in the event of any such wrongdoing at the expense of our citizens, we would hold the German government to a strict accountability."

"The use of this phrase, 'strict accountability,' of course must mean, and can only mean, that action will be taken by us without an hour's unnecessary delay. It was eminently proper to use the exact phrase that was used, and having used it, our own self-respect demands that we forthwith abide by it."

Many Cancel Passage.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Already ninety persons have canceled passage on the White Star liner Olympic, flying the British flag, which is scheduled to leave for Liverpool Friday. The Lusitania torpedoing is held responsible by officers. The Olympic will carry a crew of 550 men and only about sixty passengers.

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## Red Cross Funds Are Seized by Germans

LONDON, May 10.—A dispatch from Havre to the Daily Telegraph says that Prince de Ligne, president of the Belgian Red Cross, reports that General von Blasing, the German governor of Belgium, has disseminated the Red Cross from his powers and seized funds amounting to 200,000 francs (\$40,000).

The dispatch states that Prince de Ligne has filed protests with Brand Whitlock, United States minister to Belgium, and the international headquarters of the Red Cross at Geneva.

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